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RESPONSE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This responds to the November 17, 2004 Office action on the patent application identified above. There is no listing of claims presented because no claim has been changed or added.

Claims 1-108 are in the application, of which claims 1, 23, 41, 64, 80, 90, and 101 are in independent form. Claims 1-79 are allowed.

Claims 80-108 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,555 B1 and claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,748 B1. Applicants respond as follows to this rejection.

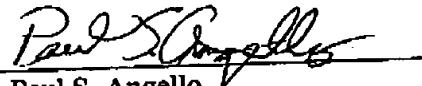
In their September 27, 2004 (first) preliminary amendment, applicants submitted a terminal disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,256,555, together with a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). The PAIR transaction history for this application indicates that the Office's paralegal accepted the terminal disclaimer on October 5, 2004. To overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,275,748, applicants submit as part of this response a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent, together with a Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.73(b). The submission of this second terminal disclaimer completes the response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection; therefore, applicants request that it be withdrawn.

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Applicants believe their application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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